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Dorset Tower project would cost \$4.5 million

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will apply for a grant through the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program that would cover more than \$3 million of a nearly \$4.5-million project at the Dorset Tower.

Township councillors, while expressing surprise at the size of the price tag for the project, agreed during their Nov. 7 meeting that the township would make the funding application.

The project would entail \$1.1 million worth of roads work, including the widening and repaving of roads, ditching, the installation of culverts, as well as the addition of a pedestrian walking lane. An expansion of three parking areas at the site would grow the property's parking capacity from about 75 vehicles to 180 and cost just more than \$700,000. Nearly \$1.3 million of landscaping work would include pedestrian walkways from the parking lot to points of interest, upgrading "peek a boo rock" to include landscaped steps and a stone viewing platform, the installation of an

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As Minden's Remembrance Day ceremony comes to a close, Lieutenant Stuart Humphries, Training Officer with the Haliburton Army Cadets salutes before the Legion's Colour Party marches off. More than 60 wreaths were laid at the town's cenotaph at the annual Service of Remembrance held Nov. 11./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Gathering at the Minden cenotaph

by SUE TIFFIN

Times Staff

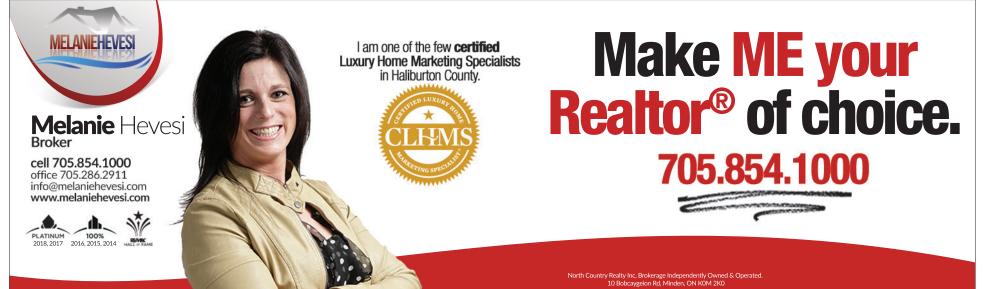
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Bitter cold did not prevent a multigenerational crowd including local dignitaries, veterans, and school children from lining Bobcaygeon Road, either sitting on the bleachers, some wrapped under blankets, or standing further down the way, all quietly facing the cenotaph to mark Remembrance Day on Nov. 11 at Minden's Service of Remembrance.

The ceremony, on the 100th anniversary

of the first official Armistice Day, included a parade down the town's main street led by piper Fraser MacDonald and Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Schell which included the colour party of the Minden Legion, Branch 636, army cadets, and members of the guiding

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Elementary teachers in legal strike position Nov. 25

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Elementary school teachers in Haliburton County and across the province will be in legal strike position at the end of the month, though Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario president Sam Hammond said the union is continuing to focus on contract talks.

"ETFO is fighting for investment, not cuts in education, but Doug Ford's Education Minister Stephen Lecce isn't listening," Hammond said in a Nov.8 press release. "While ETFO is now in a legal position to take strike action in 17 days, we will continue to focus on contract talks in an attempt to arrive at a deal that improves student learning conditions and educator working conditions."

ETFO members voted 98 per cent in favour of central strike action, Hammond said in an announcement made Nov 1.

"Talks have stalled at ETFO's central bargaining tables," he said. "This is a wakeup call from our members to this government to get serious about key issues affecting educators and students including more supports for special education, class size and class structure, fair and transparent hiring practices, and preservation of the current kindergarten program."

Hammond said then it was an "overwhelming mandate," from ETFO members and that a conciliator would meet with

the ETFO and other parties at the central bargaining tables on Nov. 4. After that meeting, a "no board" report – a report filed if the process of conciliation fails – was requested from the Ministry of Labour, putting ETFO in a legal position to take job action in 17 days, at the end of November. No job action has been announced yet.

Karen Bratina, ETFO representative for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, said she didn't have a local breakdown of the vote, but said it was likely a similar percentage to the provincial vote.

"Just the feel of the room and the willingness of so many of our members to attend a meeting in Lindsay after work demonstrates the solidarity in this movement," she said. Approximately 650 of just over 1,000 ETFO members within the TLDSB attended the strike vote meeting Oct. 16. Almost 100 elementary school teachers work in Haliburton County.

"We continue to be faced with violence in the classrooms and the schools, that is significant, and it's definitely happening in Haliburton [County]," said Bratina. "The last thing we need are cuts in education."

Bratina said one of the key requests from teachers is proper support for students demonstrating violent and aggressive behaviours, and proper assessment so they can be better supported. She said some teachers are seeking medical care due to violent incidents in the classroom, and some are requiring protective gear.

"It's a real problem, and this province, instead of wanting

to invest money into the education system, they're basically asking ETFO to provide \$150 million in cuts," said Bratina.

In response to the ETFO strike vote announcement on Nov. 1, Lecce, said in a statement, "While our government has been a reasonable and constructive force at the bargaining table – focused on keeping kids in class – today, ETFO has taken another escalating step towards a strike which will disproportionately hurt our kids."

Lecce said, "strike action caused by unions could mean school closures, disruption, and uncertainty for students and parents."

"I support a deal, not a strike," he said. "Our team remains unequivocal in our determination to land deals with our labour partners as soon as possible to keep our kids in the classroom."

ETFO represents 83,000 elementary public school teachers, occasional teachers and education professionals across the province.

Last month, a last-minute deal was reached between the province and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, which represents about 55,000 education workers in the province, averting a full strike poised to proceed on Oct. 7. The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, representing 60,000 members, is holding strike votes from Oct. 22 to Nov. 15. The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association representing 45,000 teachers is also holding strike votes this month.

Grant would cover more than \$3 million of costs

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accessible viewing platform, the creation of eating areas including a picnic pavilion and the construction of flowerbeds. Work on the tower itself would total more than \$1.3 million and include repainting the structure, new lighting, repairs and upgrades included in an engineer's report, replacement of the tower's copula, and the construction of a washroom building.

The project's total estimated price tag is \$4.42 million, \$3.09 million of which would come from the grant if the application is successful, leaving the township to fund about \$1.3 million. The ICIP uses a combination of federal and provincial funds.

The project would be completed during a seven-year span from 2021 to 2027, meaning an annual financial contribution from the township of approximately \$190,000. However, as a report from parks, rec and trails manager Chris Card indicated, the use of \$170,000 worth of reserves for the tower would bring that annual contribution down to about \$165,000 per year. A continued contribution of \$60,000 annually to the reserve from the current tax levy would leave the annual

contribution at about \$105,000 for each of the seven years. The details of financing would be finalized should the township be successful with the grant and council voted to move forward.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, who said she was shocked by the prices, said she struggled with the idea of spending that amount of money on a recreational project when the township had other pressing needs such as roads work, but noted the opportunity was a big one that may not come again.

Mayor Carol Moffatt noted that this particular stream of the funding program is for recreational projects specifically.

"This funding is for recreation, it's not for fire trucks or roads," Moffatt said, adding she too was shocked by some of the amounts.

"I think that all of this work is going to have to be done eventually," said Councillor Julia Shortreed, adding the township might as well take advantage of a grant opportunity.

"This grant program is really good in that it is spread out over a number of years," said interim treasurer Tammy McKelvey.

The deadline for the funding application was Nov. 12.



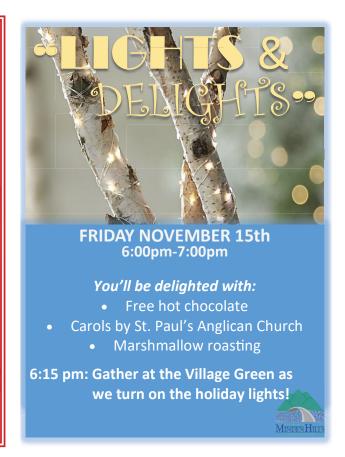
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— COUNCILLOR JULIA SHORTREED

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Barber brings tradition to Minden

and Mike McKeon from Up River Trading

Co. told him about space available at 116

Bobcaygeon Road. On Nov. 4, Nasby opened

Traditional Barber on main street and said he

"Coming to Minden, there was no barber

here, so it just kind of worked out fantastic,"

he said. "Minden's been extremely welcom-

ing, I've had so many business owners come

in and say welcome, I've had people message

me on line and say welcome to Minden, I've

had people just stopping in to say hello to

Nasby is excited about the new opportunity,

and having the space he has been looking for

to welcome clientele - many who followed

"Everything in this shop is exactly what I

love doing," he said. "It's not a job for me, it's

exactly what I love doing and I take a lot of

Though his clients are generally men, he

"The difference between stylists and barber-

will see women who have shaved hair, or de-

meet me, and it's been fantastic."

him from Haliburton.

pride in every haircut I do.'

has had "non-stop drop-ins" since doing so.

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Minden's new barber, Cody Nasby, was only 13 years old when he was inspired by western movies to learn how to use a straight

"Watching westerns with my father, I saw the shoot-outs and all that stuff like that, the barber would be standing there with his razor and he would be the only one alive in the room," laughed Nasby from his new shop located on Minden's main street. "I kind of went, I want to be that guy!"

With encouragement from his dad, Nasby is now that guy.

"My dad kind of said that's a barber, he's straight razor shaving, so I asked for a straight razor," Nasby said. "He reluctantly got me one and made me shave balloons for weeks and weeks and weeks, months and months, until I was able to shave 10 balloons in a row, and as soon as I was able to shave 10 balloons in a row without popping one, my dad started letting me shave him. That's literally what got me into barbering.'

When Nasby went to high school, he said the passion for haircutting came with him, and he became the "friend in the group that gave haircuts," offering him more opportunity for

Though he became a ticketed ironworker, he said he became a barber for his daughter.

"I would have been away a lot, if I kept being an ironworker, and so I decided it would be the best choice if I became a barber. It was actually an easy choice."

Nasby went to a traditional men's barber school in Edmonton to further learn the trade, before moving to Haliburton to be near his daughter's extended family. He began working in Nov. 2017 as a local barber first at the Hair Lounge with the support of Mark Christiano, and then at his own Haliburtonbased shop. He was looking for a perfect main street spot for his shop when Paul Roy



TIFFIN Staff we get trained on," he said. "We get extensively trained in straight razor shaving, health and infection prevention, so we get taught how to clean and everything, and men's shorter hair styles.'

Nasby is also good at working with children. "I've adapted to cutting kids' hair, they can move and thrash," he said. "That being said, if a kid comes in very upset and crying and doesn't want it done, I don't do that. At the same time, I've never not been able to cut a kid's hair. I'll sit there for the 10 or 15 minutes, whatever it may be, to ease him in to get to know me so he allows me to cut his hair."

Nasby loves specialized work, like fading, and still has quite the passion for straight razor

"It's pretty much like a spa for men," he said. "You come in, you get a couple of hot towels on your face, I mix up fresh warm foam for every client, I make a new mixture for every client, so it's nice and fresh and warm. You sit back, it usually takes half an hour from beginning to end."

It's something his clients seem to love too Nasby estimates most of them fall asleep in the chair during the experience.

"I would say about 70 per cent of my clients fall asleep when I'm shaving them, because they're getting a mixture of me putting nice oils on their faces with some warm foam with two hot towels, and I have them laid back nicely on my chair," he said.

"There's gentlemen that come in that want to [converse], and then there's gentlemen that want to come in and just relax and turn their brain off while I'm cutting their hair or shaving their face," he said. "Whatever they prefer is what I go with. I'm great at conversation, I love talking. At the same time, I'm very much OK with sitting back and giving you your half an hour of your time on your lunch break while I give you a shave and you have a nap."

Alongside Nasby, Sydney Feir has been preparing the shop, a few months in to training next to him.

"I like working with my hands, I'm a certified welder," she said. "That's what I went to college for, but to be a welder I'd have to leave this town, and I love it here. I didn't want to leave. I like using my hands, I love customer service, so barber is the perfect mix of both."

Feir said she has always loved cutting her dad and brother's hair, so learning how to barber was a natural fit.

"I get to, at the end, see a finished product," she said. "I've changed someone, and I've been able to be social, [converse], make friends, so it's the best of both worlds for me."

Nasby said Feir will have a station set up in the shop as well.

"I'm going to be the one doing the shaving, but she is just as much a part of the shop as I am," he said.

Barber, located at 116 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, is open six days a week from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The shop is walk-in, though Nasby will welcome appointments made between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. For more information, call 705-457-7222 or visit Traditional Barber on Facebook and Instagram.



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Donations will be accepted until December 18, 2019.

The Snowmobile Bridge located in downtown Minden, which spans the Gull River, has been installed as of Tuesday, November 5, 2019, in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

The Bridge is currently closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, with barrier fencing installed at either end of the bridge.

The public is reminded to respect the barrier fencing and use caution near the water, as the weather conditions during this time of year and as we move into the winter months, can create unstable and potentially dangerous conditions.

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Nov 14 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

Nov 28 - Regular Meeting of Council

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit

www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the month

of December

United Way campaign raises \$100,811 through LCBO tills

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Change donated at LCBO tills across Haliburton County over the past four years has added up - \$100,811 has been raised to support local programs and agencies.

Proceeds from the At the Till campaign, which runs once in the summer and once soon after Thanksgiving, have supported Haliburton Food for Kids school nutrition program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and EarlyON.

Shantal Ingram, community investment coordinator for United Way City of Kawartha Lakes said the campaign has been critical to the community.

"It has helped us to start building relationships in Haliburton County," she said in a press release. "We are grateful for the commitment of the LCBO staff and patrons and look forward to continuing to work together to support local programs."

Ingram was one of several United Way CKL representatives who were at a launch event held at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment in Minden on Oct. 29, raising awareness of United Ways' presence in Haliburton County and highlighting some of the work of local agencies that have received United Way CKL support over the past few years, including Big Brothers Big Sisters – Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton, Canadian Mental Health Association – Kawartha Lakes Branch, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, and EarlyON Child and Family Centre – City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

"We just wanted to have an opportunity for people to come and meet some of the people from these different organizations," she said.



LCBO funds raised in Haliburton County through an 'At the Till' campaign have raised \$100,811 for local programs over the past four years. From left: Aaron Hill, United Way board member; Shantal Ingram, community investment coordinator, United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes; Penny Barton Dyke, executive director, United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes: Tim Tatchell, United Way campaign chair, and Dan Collings, acting detachment commander./SUE TIFFIN Staff

"The statistics are that in the course of their lifetime, about 90 per cent of Canadians will use a United Way funded agency and they probably won't even know that they have."

This past spring, United Way CKL introduced a \$400 bursary offered to a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School who has demonstrated leadership and community involvement.

Ingram reminded people that organizations in Haliburton County can get involved with the United Way in a number of ways, such as starting a workplace campaign, holding a special event, participating in a Day of Caring and volunteering time in the community. All funds raised in Haliburton County stay here, she stressed.

For more information, visit www.ckl-unit-edway.ca.



Local agencies that have received support through **United Way** · including **Big Brothers Big Sisters** - were at a launch event held at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment on Oct. 29.







Cheers!

Terri Mathews-Carl of Boshkung Brewing Co. presents Aaron Walker of Food for Kids with a \$750 cheque outside Minden's Boshkung Social. The proceeds came from sales of the brewery's Small Town Hero, a collaboration with NHL star Matt Duchene, with partial sales of the beer alloted to local charities. Walker said the amount would pay for about two weeks' worth of the snack and lunch program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. / **CHAD INGRAM Staff**



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Happenings

FTENTIMES after the respectful marking of Remembrance Day, Canadians begin preparing for and celebrating the festive season, which will lead us all into the new year.

Those who have been organizing and hosting events, volunteering to help or just coming out for a good time to the offerings of the community will note that days have not been much slower since the summer, but with just weeks left until the end of the decade, why stop now?

Lights and Delights welcomes

the town to celebrate the season along the main street on Nov. 15, and Ladies Night at Minden's Home Hardware offers a chance for togetherness indoors on Nov. 16.

Rest before the November weekend full of cheer that starts with the Festival of

Trees on Nov. 22 (running until Sunday, when prize winners are announced) and brings the Santa Claus Parade, the Minden Legion's Holiday Bazaar and Carolling at the Pioneer Church on Nov. 23 and the Christmas Artisan Market on Nov. 24. Stop in at the Minden library that weekend for the mega book sale.

Also at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library, a wide variety of unique happenings that will fill your calendar and give you a break from shopping, cooking or wrapping: Tech Time (an opportunity to better learn how to use technology through patient guidance) on Nov. 15; a minimakers workshop for kids on Nov.

20; a drop-in evening craft for teens and adults on Nov. 20 and 21; and drop-in altered art craft for adults on Nov. 30; a giant Candyland board game until Nov. 23; and Festive Family story time and craft on Nov. 29.

Drop in to learn about your ancestors with the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group on November 26, or for a ukelele jam session on Nov. 28.

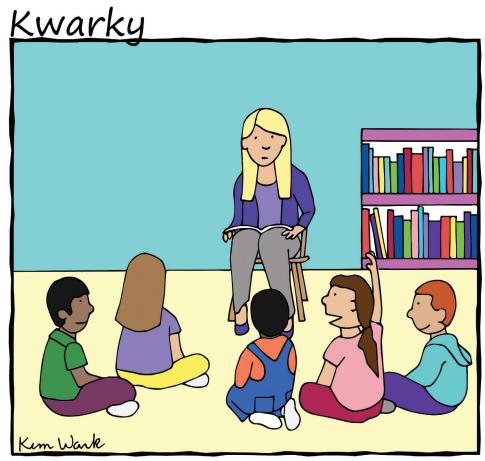
For those looking for live music, Nicholas Russell performs at Rhubarb on Thursdays, and Paul Mills and David Bradstreet are at the home of Don and Marie Gage

on Nov. 17. At the Dominion Hotel, Trina West performs Nov. 16, Chris Smith on Nov. 23 and Gary and the Rough Ideas on Nov. 30.

Stop by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery or sign up for an art class with Carole Finn at the Finn

Artists' Centre. Minden Ladies Night on November 28 is a fun chance to get friends together for shopping and refreshments. The season brings with it joy for many, as well as additional stress for those struggling. Make time for clothing drives, the Highlands Christmas Shindig (in Haliburton, but helping to benefit our friends and neighbours), and church and hospital auxiliary and service club events as well as opportunities to volunteer making food baskets or organizing at the Food Bank.

These events and more are advertised throughout this paper, and online at haliburtonlibrary.ca, mindenhills.ca or myhaliburtonhighlands.com.



"Before you start, what's the genre and subtext?"

Making the right call

STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

HIS PAST week while most other hunters have been chasing deer, I have been targeting waterfowl. There are two reasons for this. First, I harvested a nice buck in the archery season. Second, the two weeks of the rifle season here coincide with the best waterfowling of the year. The big flights are now passing through.

As good as the duck hunting gets, there are some complex issues associated with late season waterfowling that few people speak of. The main one involves the two most important pieces of kit you can

portant pieces of kit you can take on a late season hunt – neoprene waders and coffee.

Coffee, as we all know, is only rented. And there is always a point during a hunt when you need to get the coffee out. This means you need to take your waders off.

This seems like a simple solution.

It would be but for the fact that this point also invariably coincides with the moment

all the birds in the area decide they want to land in your decoys in an orderly fashion over the course of the next hour or so.

This leads the hunter in question, whether male or female, to make a decision that could, either way, lead to disastrous consequences. Basically, the hunter is given a choice between nature's call and the duck call.

Certainly, the hunter could ignore the ducks and choose the bladder friendly approach. A quick drop of waders is all that's needed to contribute to rising lake levels. In the best case scenario, no ducks will decide to visit at that time and all will end well. Sure...

In the worst case scenario – also known as the one that will most certainly occur – record flights of full-plumaged mallard drakes will begin to rain down on the decoys and your hunting buddy will limit out on them as you are still focusing on a different type of aiming.

OK, then. What if you decide to ignore the desperate pleas from your bladder and instead shoot at ducks?

This could turn out equally bad. In the worst case scenario— also known as the one that will most certainly occur – the hunter will be forced to suddenly move the wrong way as record flights of full-plumaged mal-

lard drakes rain down on the decoys. This wrong movement will break the tenuous hold the bladder has on his or her dignity. Then the hunter will be faced with trying to pick a bird to shoot at while being distracted by a disconcerting warmth spreading through his or her waders towards his feet.

This will end in certain embarrassment. That's right; the hunter will miss with all three shots.

This will eventually lead the other hunter to ask several unanswerable questions.

Among them: how could you possibly miss all those birds from such close range? Why are you wearing your waders in the truck all the way home?

This, by the way, is yet another reason why you should never eat asparagus before a late season hunt.

The only hope is if the other hunter made the same decision as you at exactly the same time. In which case, neither party will shoot at birds or have cause to ask the unanswerable questions. Instead neither hunter will suppress the memory and never speak of that moment again.

All things considered, that just may be the only right call.



SUE TIFFIN *Reporter*

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

'Forget it, Jake. It's Chinatown'

OVIES SET in times past sometimes reflect times present. I was thinking about that while re-watching the Hollywood classic *Chinatown*, starring Faye Dunaway and Jack Nicholson. A brief refresher: Nicholson plays Jake Gittes, a former cop in the

Chinatown district of Los Angeles. He's now a private gumshoe hired by folks who suspect their spouses are cheating on them.

Dunaway plays Evelyn Mulwray, wife of the city's straight-arrow chief water engineer who is framed for adultery that never occurred, and later is mur-



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

dered. Evelyn is a mysterious lady with deep secrets and a corrupt father whose his son-in-law is standing in the way of him making a lot of money.

During his investigation into whether Mr. Mulwray was cheating on his wife, Jake stumbles into a cesspool of greed and corruption involving a plan to divert water from Los Angeles, which is in the midst of a drought. The diverted water scheme is a land and water grab that will make certain people rich and they manipulate, lie, cheat and even murder to get it done.

The investigation leads Gittes back to Chinatown,

where he recalls he did "as little as possible" as a Los Angeles cop. That's a reference to the district's reputation of having so much crime and corruption that cops often sighed and looked the other way because they believed that they could do little about it.

We Canadians have our share of crime and corruption. We talk about it a lot but often sigh and turn our heads to look the other way.

For instance, RCMP charged Quebec's SNC-Lavalin company with defrauding the Libyan government of \$129.8 million. The Canadian prime minister's office tried to have our justice department look the other way because a Lavalin conviction would lead to job losses.

Then there is the money laundering in the real estate market. If you can get \$2.9 million for a house that is worth \$300,00 who cares if the buyer is laundering money for a drug cartel? It's wrong, but it continues.

Toronto has become a major centre of gang violence. Gunshots are heard in that city pretty much every day and besides killing and wounding, those gunshots are the noise signalling an increasing amount of crime and corruption. It's wrong, but it continues.

And, the opioid epidemic, once a big city problem now reaching into small communities, is not just about addiction. It's a crisis fuelled by corruption and crime. All wrong, but it continues.

Then there's climate change, probably our most daily talked about topic. Meanwhile, we see people drinking water from plastic bottles at environmental rallies. And, the prime minister flying in a carbon-emitting pig of an aircraft from Ottawa to B.C. to spend a day or two surfing.

All this stuff is wrong and pulling down our society, but many of us are weary or leery of tilting at windmills. Let someone else do it.

Lots of concern. Lots of talk. Little progress.

At the end of the movie, Jake Gittes stands in a Chinatown street where Evelyn Mulwray has been shot dead and the corrupt people behind the water diversion scheme, including Evelyn's father, have won.

Once again the darkness of corruption has overwhelmed what is good and

One of Jake's colleagues turns to him and speaks the famous words that end

"Forget it, Jake. It's Chinatown."

As movie critics have noted, Jake is being told to give up and look the other way because nothing can be done to change things without becoming just another victim of the way things are.

The line "It's Chinatown" is about not being able to change things no matter how much you tilt at windmills.

But Chinatown is not a district of LA, or any real place. It's the entire world, and Jake Gittes is each and every one of us.

We shouldn't do what so many of us have been doing - seeing the rot consuming our societies, then looking away and trying to forget it all. Our world does not have to be Chinatown. It's a movie screenplay that we can rewrite, if we all put our minds to it.

letters to the editor

Student examines the pros and cons of vaping

To the Editor,

The question "is vaping safe?" came up in class today and I'd like to talk to you about the research I have done. But first, I'd like to tell you why I'm concerned.

Kids vaping is my main concern. One of the problems with kids vaping is that the younger people start vaping or doing any drug, in general, the more addicted they'll become. This is probably because at this age your brain is still developing. So with people vaping at my age, 12, they can get extremely addicted extremely easily. Also, one big product in the industry, JUUL, has a notably high nicotine level, the amount of nicotine in one JUUL is almost the same as the amount of nicotine in one pack of cigarettes. That amount of nicotine is scary for a person of any age. At first, vaping might make you more alert but after a while, it will shorten your attention span. For students, this is a significant problem that can affect your grades

Another big problem with vaping is money. Vapes won't cost you as much as another, harder, drug but over time you're going to spend a lot of money on vaping if you get addicted. Why should someone spend so much money on something that might not be good for your health?

Then there's addiction. When someone vapes, it makes them feel good and eventually it changes the way their brain works, making you want to vape over and over. When you get addicted it's

you again and again that you need to vape to feel good. No matter what vaping is doing to your life your brain is going to tell you to do it because the nicotine makes you feel good.

What about the people who are vaping for its original purpose? Vaping was originally marketed towards smokers who wanted to quit. Nicotine replacement therapy has shown an 18 per cent success rate to quit smoking. This is a lot compared to the percentage of people who stop on their own, three per cent. Doctors have said that people who switch from smoking to vaping can get the same feeling with around 90 per cent less of the health effects. For ex-smokers vaping has been extreme-

What I'm trying to tell you is that for children and people who have never smoked, were never addicted, vaping is a bad idea. There's no reason to get yourself addicted and it is a definite negative. However, for people who were once smokers switching to vaping or using vaping to stop completely it's helpful and a good idea. We need to stop children and/or teens from vaping, but we shouldn't ban vaping entirely, just enforce who is

Editor's note: This letter has been edited for

Nicole Lee

Student wants restrictions on vape products

I am writing to you in regards to the use of vaping and the use of those products in Minden.

In the past two years there have been a lot of kids vaping at my school. How come there are lots of flavors for vapes that sound like "candy?" Also is the vape juice used to attract kids so they want to get vape pens? Why are the stores like gas station selling vapes? Why can't there just

be a vape store so the kids won't see all the vape

I feel like the vape stores should be more careful of who they sell vapes to.

So can you please try to stop it?

Riley Allore Archie Stouffer Elementary School student

Procrastination prevails

To the Editor,

On Sept. 27, I attended a meeting of the county's joint environmental committee.

I was very impressed by the overall respect and collaboration between its members. John Smith, Councillor for Dysart et al, brought forward to the agenda a request to declare a climate emergency in Haliburton County. I was thrilled that there was unanimous support for this even though there was no formal vote. This committee has no decisionmaking authority. County Warden Liz Danielson suggested each council should encourage the county to declare an emergency. I had intended to send them a letter relaying how proud I was of their decision, but procrastination prevailed.

Dysart et al's environment and climate change committee quickly acted and passed a motion on Oct. 10, requesting Dysart's council to indicate to county council that they wanted a climate emergency declared. This passed but Dysart council deferred the item, at Mayor Roberts' request, pending the discussion scheduled for the next day at county council. Dysart council granted that. county council at their meeting decided it was best to have a plan in place first before declaring a climate emergency. Had they decided to strike a succinct and clear motion in favour of this decision, Haliburton County would have stood tall with many other brave communities in Canada

In an open letter signed by over 11,000 scien-

tists from The Alliance of World Scientists, they are taking a stand. "We declare ... clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency," says the letter's opening statement.

Alina Fisher states, "People do understand (climate change) but they don't see how it affects them. It's important for us as scientists to bridge that gap." "The climate crisis is closely linked to excessive consumption of the wealthy lifestyle," it says. "We must change how we live."

Energy sources must move beyond carbon. Diets must include less meat.

"Excessive extraction of materials and overexploitation of ecosystems, driven by economic growth, must be quickly curtailed ... We must protect and restore Earth's ecosystems."

Emma Lim an activist from #NoFutureNo Children states, "It is easier to bear the pain of not having children than it is to bear the pain of not being able to protect them."

There is no time for procrastination citizens of Haliburton County.

We need county council to take action now to take a stand for our/your future children and our global community to declare Haliburton County a leader in climate emergency. The plan I feel can then move forward with the assistance of the new climate change co-ordinator and council.

> **Bonnie Roe** Ritchie Falls



Governance review will take a year, CAO says

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

It will likely be next year at this time when a final report regarding the service delivery and governance review being undertaken by the County of Haliburton is complete.

As previously reported, the county will issue a request for proposals for a consultant to conduct the review, which would deliver recommendations to change the way services are delivered in the county, and could include recommendations to change the structure of the local government.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter and County Warden and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen made a presentation to Algonquin Highlands council during its Nov. 7 meeting, seeking support to proceed with the review. Rutter and Danielsen will visit each of the county's four, lower-tier municipal councils, seeking support resolutions.

"As you know, there's been a lot of pressure about governance structure in the county," Danielsen said, adding that many county residents have strong opinions on the matter, including calls for amalgamation. Earlier this year, municipal staff from across the county compiled an inventory of services currently delivered. "We're ready to go to the next step and drill in a little bit deeper," Danielsen said.

Rutter said that part of the review would ask the question of which tier is best equipped to deliver which service, with the possible outcome that a certain municipality may become the service provider for the others regarding a particular service.

A draft RFP will come to county council, and those RFP submissions will be evaluated by the county's five CAOs - Rutter, along with the CAOs from each of the four lowertier municipalities. A short list of two or three

consultants will then be invited to present their process for council's consideration.

When Rutter was asked when he thought the final report would be complete, he said he anticipated this time next year.

"This is a really important conversation to be having," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding the county was quickly changing, as are directives from the provincial government. After the sudden halving of Toronto city council prior to the October 2018 municipal elections, and following a recent review of the province's eight regional governments, the Ford government recently announced it would be making no forced municipal amalgamations.

County councillors have repeatedly reiterated they are not married to any particular

"I really believe there was a room full of councillors with open minds," Danielsen said, although she did express concern that in a single-tier scenario, some of the county's smaller communities would become overlooked. "I don't want to see places like Oxtongue Lake and Tory Hill fall off the map, because that happens."

"Something tangible will come out, whether it's amalgamation or not," said Councillor Jennifer Dailloux.

Moffatt said there also needed to be some public input component to the process at some point.

"The public has to weigh in on something, but we're not sure what it is yet," she said.

The county is budgeting \$150,000 for the process, although Rutter has indicated that may end up being a conservative estimate. His proposal is that the county cover 50 per cent of the cost, and the four, lower-tier townships each contribute 12.5 per cent. Algonquin Highlands councillors agreed for the township to cover its portion.

Fall colours traffic control in AH a success

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

An experiment using a hired company to help control tourist traffic during the busy fall foliage season in Algonquin Highland has proven effective, staff say, with the township's director of parks, rec and trails saying he'd like to repeat the practice next year.

As previously reported, this year the Township of Algonquin Highlands hired company People Ready to supply staff to help control the thousands of visitors who flock to the Dorset Tower to see the leaves on and around Thanksgiving weekend, when colours typically peak. The company also stationed four personnel in the hamlet of Oxtongue Lake, which is located near the entrance to Algonquin Park, and for years has experienced problems with trespassing during the peak of fall foliage.

The company was hired for the Thanksgiving weekend, as well as the weekends before and after. The costs for the tower were anticipated at \$22,000, the costs for the

patrolling of Oxtongue Lake at about \$3,600. In addition, three paid duty OPP officers were requested to assist with traffic at the tower, located along Highway 35.

"Overall, this worked out fantastically," parks, rec and trails manager Chris Card told Algonquin Highlands councillors during a Nov. 7 meeting.

"We were able to have more people on the property at the tower," Card said, explaining having the additional staffing made it possible to more efficiently move people through.

During the three weekends, more than 2,900 passenger cars went through the gates at the tower, more than 1,000 more than during the same time period last year. There were also more than 2,200 people who entered by foot, walking up the hill to the lookout point. With increased traffic as well as an increase in admission fees this year, along with kiosk sales, the three weekends totalled more than \$57,000 in revenue. Revenues for the same period in 2018 were just less than \$33,000.

Card told council he would like to use the additional staffing again next year.

Overall, for the year, after costs, the township's interim treasurer said the tower was on pace to net about \$50,000.

Heat Bank Night raises nearly \$20K

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The fifth annual Heat Bank Night at Carnarvon's Rhubarb restaurant raised nearly \$20,000 for Heat Bank Haliburton County on the evening of Nov. 10.

The event, which includes silent and live auctions while guests enjoy food, drink and music, brought in more than \$19,000, bringing the total raised over the years to nearly \$82,000. Heat Bank Haliburton County assists county residents who need help heating their homes throughout the winter, including through purchasing fuel and assistance with hydro bills.

Heat Bank co-ordinator Tina Jackson thanked Terri Mathews-Carl and Chris Carl, owners of Rhubarb and Boshkung Brewing Co.

"Terri and Chris are truly a marvel and the reason that we have been able to continue to respond as the number of people needing assistance with heat and hydro increases," Jackson said.

Jackson told the paper that in the past six years, the organization has more than doubled the number of households it

assists, from 59 households in the winter of 2013/14 to to 122 households last winter. She added this equated to 259 people.

The evening was emceed by Ted Brandon, featured the music of Chris Smith, as well as an appearance from television design duo Colin and Justin. The pair have a partnership with Boshkung Brewing in the form of Highland Fling, a limited release Scottish ale, portion of the sales from which go to the Heat Bank.

Anyone interested in its programs or requiring assistance can text the text Heat Bank at 705-306-0565 or email heatbankhc@gmail.com.

The Heat Bank is a program of the Central Food Network, a registered charity, and welcomes donations through Canada Helps at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ central-food-network/.

> Attendees peruse silent auction items at the fifth annual Heat Bank Night at Carnarvon's Rhubarb restaurant. The evening, emceed by Ted Brandon, featured silent and live auctions, music by Chris Smith and was a fundraiser for Heat Bank Haliburton County, which helps county residents heat their homes during the winter. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



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Community meets at Legion following ceremony

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and scouting community. Army cadets took their place stoically guarding the cenotaph, switching out from time to time throughout the ceremony.

The Last Post, Lament and Reveille was performed by Andy Salvatori, and Padre Joan Cavanaugh spoke a prayer of remembrance. During the Laying of the Wreaths, more than 60 memorial wreaths were laid to honour those who have served, with the Silver Cross Mother, Beth Frith, laying the first and Comrade Richard Schell laying the last, in memory of the unknown soldier.

Children waiting at the ceremony as part of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School choir quietly shared that they were cold, but when their time to sing came, they did so clearly despite the wind, standing in a line facing the crowd, back to back with the colour guard as they prepared to march to end the ceremony. Student Landon Simms recited a poem. Minden Legion president Jim Ross recited Ode of Remembrance from For the Fallen, the crowd responding, "We will remember

After the ceremony ended, old friends greeted each other and returned to the Minden Legion for a reception, where hot bowls of chili and samosas were served to a large crowd.

The samosas are a tradition at the Minden Legion, a gesture from Kamal Sethi and his wife Aruna. They cottaged on South Lake for almost a decade, and though they now live full-time in Richmond Hill, Kamal said his loyalty is with the Minden Legion.

"In fact, we got connected to the Legion before we even bought the cottage, when we used to come and have a look, I'd stop in for a coffee run," he said. Soon enough, he had become a member. He said his friends in the city ask him to join a local branch. "I've resisted," he said. "I've said no. Minden is my home base and that's where I'll be going, even if I have to commute.'

Kamal served with the King's African Rifles of the British Army in Africa, enlisting in 1962. He was involved in combat fighting the Somalis, and was wounded in combat. His life history, which he said has been full of love and support, is recorded in a selfpublished autobiography entitled Shaping Destiny.



The Archie Stouffer Elementary School choir faces the crowd gathered at Minden's Nov. 11 Remembrance Day ceremony to sing a song of peace, while behind them, the Minden Legion's colour party prepares to march from the cenotaph. /SUE

"My mission in life now is to pay back," he said. "To help all those who are in need to get ahead, because I was in their position at one time, looking, searching, struggling to find who could open the door for me, who could show me the way, and a lot of strangers opened the door for me, showed me the way,

It's one of the reasons he and Aruna contribute to the Remembrance Day ceremony with samosas – 200 this year, because Aruna said 100 did not last long the year before. "We do that here, and also for one or two other military functions in Toronto because the military is so close to my heart," said Kamal. "And to me, anything to do with the military, to give back, is never enough." They make an effort to attend Minden's Remembrance Day ceremony, where Kamal lays the wreath in memory of those who were lost in ground warfare. He takes pride in the ceremony.

"Outstanding," said Kamal. "Very wellattended, very dignified, and with the cold weather aside ... I've attended ceremonies here when it's been snowing, when it's been

raining, when it's been brutally cold like this morning was cold, but look at the attendance. Look at the young kids. Look at the elderly folks. How they brave the elements, and bear through, right through all of it. That to me is a testimony to love for the veterans, which the community around gives, and that's absolutely priceless."

Visit the Minden Times Facebook page to see a performance of A Wish for Peace, as sung by the ASES choir at their Remembrance Day ceremony held Nov. 8.



Richard Schell, who served as sergeant-at-arms in the day's parade, placed the last wreath of the ceremony in memory of the unknown soldier.



Army cadets stood guard at Minden's cenotaph in the Village Green during the Minden Legion's Service of Remembrance on Nov. 11.



We will remember them: Above, Fraser MacDonald leads Minden Legion Padre Joan Cavanaugh and the colour party from the Remembrance ceremony on Nov. 11. Right, army cadets stand guard after the ceremony, in which more than 60 wreaths honouring those who served were laid. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Members of the guiding and scouting community joined in remembrance at Minden's cenotaph on Nov. 11.





Kamal and Aruna Sethi donate samosas - this time about 200 to the reception held at the Minden Legion after the service. Kamal served with the King's African Rifles of the British Army in Africa, enlisting in 1962.

Excerpts from a letter written home to Canada by Violet King, CWAC

"V + 1 Day - May 9th, 1945.

Don't know quite where or how to start this letter to you as I feel so happy and excited. I tried my darnedest to cable all of you yesterday. You must have known that we were thinking of you every minute yesterday and it sure would have been nice to celebrate with you.

Quiet old England has just gone mad with joy, and I'm not kidding. We reported in to work at 9 and were given the day off...and what a day.

The weather was really good, and the decorations and flags are really a picture. I've never really experienced anything like this before.

The English man certainly forgot all his dignity and reserve and everything else yesterday and just went into celebrating with every ounce of strength they had got.

We went back to barracks for lunch as everywhere that was open was so crowded we wouldn't have got in anywhere without a heck of a long wait. We really had a swell dinner, too (ham and egg - REAL egg!), beets, potatoes, and stewed fruit. We didn't waste any time eating though, believe me, as we were so excited and wanted to get around and see everything.

We walked all down Oxford Street to Oxford Circus amid streamers and confetti and hundreds of people all wearing fancy hats and badges and ribbons and everyone was singing and dancing and blowing whistles and goodness knows what all they weren't doing.

The soldiers were trying to climb up the posts and all the crowd was cheering them. Finally one soldier made it and everyone clapped and shouted so he climbed still further up and posed right on the top, just like an angel or something. Everyone by that time was just screaming and singing, "There'll always

be an England." Then he helped nine or so others up and one girl was among them and all on the top of the wall proceeded to kiss her. It was all really very funny. The poor bus drivers had an awful time trying to move and only made about one inch at a time.

We saw the Prime Minister speak and he came within four feet of me. I yelled, 'Hello Winnie!' so he said, 'Hiya, Vi!' (What am I saying?) He looked very tired but so happy as he puffed away at his cigar. People were fainting 10 a minute and it's no wonder as there were thousands of people there.

The King, Queen, and two princesses came out at 10 o'clock and the crowd went mad, throwing hats and flags high in the air. They were all waving and singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.'

There were parades and about 1,000 people from the east end with toilet signs they had torn down along the way and some had garbage lids and whistles and oh, the noises and hustle and cockney tongues. Boys were up lamp posts and girls were kissing the policemen and they weren't resisting at all (after all, how could they?) They looked so bewildered and weren't objecting to a darn thing. There were thousands sleeping in the park, and liking it, too.

Were we ever tired, oh boy, oh boy. I couldn't ever really explain the greatness of it. I feel nearly dead with tiredness, but after all, there'll never be another celebration like this so we must make the most of it, eh?"

Violet King (who died Violet Hankin at Hyland Crest in 2010) served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in England during the Second World War. She was the mother of Valerie Carr, of Minden, and the grandmother of Sue Tiffin, a reporter with this paper.



A Little Death, A Little Life

The following account of Operation Crusader, the first tank battle in the Libyan Desert, on Nov. 19, 1941, is adopted from Captain Ronald Douglas Lawrence's field notebook.

We moved out on Nov. 14, advancing toward the Libyan border and the long barbed-wire entanglement that the Italians had constructed years earlier. This rather ineffectual frontier barrier was generally referred to as "the Wire."

Four days later, after the desert had been soaked by a severe thunderstorm the previous night, we went into action at 7 a.m. For the next several hours we "swanned" across the damp sands of Libya without seeing a single enemy.

We stopped to refuel and to chew some hardtack biscuits and corned beef washed down by warm water from our canteens, and then advanced toward Bir el Gubi, some 35 miles south of Tobruk. The temperature inside the tank was well over 100 degrees.

The radio came alive and we were ordered to change course, to intercept a German convoy of trucks, armored cars, and tanks. We greeted the instructions with joy. Anything was better than trundling along the empty desert.

Breasting a ridge, we saw the enemy. The squadron leader yelled "Tally-ho" over his radio.

We were off, racing down the incline and heading for the soft vehicles at the head of the enemy line, which was composed of trucks and light armoured cars. We fired.

The truck blew up and we were off again. Another target,

About a half hour later, the baby was born with my clumsy help.

an armoured car this time. That action, which ended after no more than twenty minutes, because the enemy convoy soon outdistanced us, taught us that speed and manoeuvrability were indeed on our side. We had lost two tanks to enemy fire, but we learned that if we dashed full out, jinking left and right, we were usually able to get close enough to enemy tanks to register telling hits, especially when we could position ourselves behind a big panzer and, as we said rather rudely, "shoot him up the arse."

On Nov. 22, our tank was knocked out. The 88mm armourpiercing projectile entered with a dreadful bang through the driver's protection port. It killed Harold Mains and John Ferguson instantly. The tank kept on going and was subjected to more fire from a dug-in anti-tank cannon. A moment later a shell hit the engine bringing the machine to a halt. Machine gun fire sprayed the tank and the Stuart's engine burst into flames. We had to chance the bullets. Steve Anderson and I were wounded, but we escaped out the turret under the cover of a black smoke plume.

Steve was hospitalized. I had my wounds sewn up and two days later was back in command of another Stuart.

From then on, we jinked about in the desert in three-tank formations, sometimes encountering the enemy and engaging in short fights, at other times simply meandering about, looking for trouble. During one of these rambles, we became separated from our troops during a short running fight with two armoured cars. Making contact by radio, we changed course to a heading that would eventually lead us to the remainder of our unit, which was some miles north of us.

About an hour later, as we were nearing a small, badly destroyed, and seemingly totally deserted Arab village, I called a halt. I ordered the gunner to swivel the turret so that our weaponry was aimed at the tumbledown shacks, which could have been concealing an enemy patrol. I scanned with the binoculars, and became satisfied that the place was empty. I ordered the driver to advance.

As we were passing close to a demolished, mud-daubed structure, I saw a thin, bare arm lift into view. Then it dropped

down. I stopped the tank, drew my .38 revolver, climbed out the turret and jumped to the sand. Approaching cautiously, I had taken perhaps a half-dozen strides when I heard whimpering. I thought at first that a child was hiding in the rubble and crying in fear. Hurrying, I peered over a half-destroyed mud wall and saw an Arab girl. She was pregnant, and evidently about to give birth.

In England, I had taken a two-week first-aid course soon after my return from Operation Dynamo in Dunkirk, France, but it had not included obstetrics. Staring at me with big frightened eyes, the girl spoke in Arabic. To try to put her at ease, I searched for words and came up with "Saida, yahabibi. Enta quoise" (Hello sweetheart. Are you well?) Bloody foolish words under the circumstances, but it had an effect.

The girl smiled and spoke again. Then, she curled her hand and brought it to her mouth. I understood. She wanted a drink. I ran to the tank and got a canteen and dashed back. She drank, then thrust the water bottle to me. She began to groan. She was having the baby!

I returned to the tank, collected three wound dressings from the first aid kit and one of my clean shirts and ran back to the

About a half hour later, the baby was born with my clumsy help. Soon after, I mopped up the blood that was on the mother and child, packed my patient with wound dressings, cleaned up the tiny boy, and tied off and severed his umbilical cord, leaving three inches to spare for the time when someone more knowledgeable than I was, could tie it off properly.

As I helped the girl cover herself, she hugged the baby against her breast with one arm. My gunner, Peter Fish, called out: "What do we do with her now?"

Inasmuch as we could not leave them there to die, we hoisted them onto the back platform of the tank, and mother and baby were set down on a blanket. I stayed with them, sitting on the turret, earphones clamped to my head, until we reached a Bedouin encampment. There our passengers were received with surprise, but kindness.

The next morning, the war caught up with us.





Giving peace a chance

Students recited poetry, sang songs, and spoke of the meaning of peace at a Remembrance Day ceremony held Nov. 8 at the school and attended by members of the Minden Legion's colour party and student representatives of the scouting and guiding community. Standing, from left, Derek Weerdenburg, Hudson Meyer, Lucas Upton, Piper Kelly and Leah Allder. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Archie Stouffer Elementary School students sing and sign O Canada at the Nov. 8 Remembrance Day ceremony held at the school. From left, Sophia Collins, Rayah Garbutt, Kaylee Smith, Emmie Turnerand and Allie Ryan.





As the Remembrance Day ceremony begins, students representing their classrooms as wreath carriers await their duty. From left, Joshua Orellana-Caballero, Bobby Walker, Alexa Kernohan and Jaxon Demerchant.



HHSS remembers

No words, only gestures and movements were featured in this interpretative dance number at the annual Remembrance Day event staged by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students to honour and remember those who served and those affected by past conflicts. The event included interpretative dance, the reading of letters originally written by soldiers (Canadian and German) and nurses, live musical performances and roll calls of local residents who served. It included the efforts of Grade 9/10 drama students taught by Ryan Merritt, the leadership students taught by Paul Longo, media arts students, taught by Karen Gervais, who created a multimedia presentation and showcased two numbers by student Grace Judge, who played guitar and then played harp. The school had two showings for the student body, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. /DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Grace Judge performs (with teacher Ryan Merritt holding the mic) at the annual Remembrance Day event staged by HHSS students to honour and remember those who served and those affected by past conflicts.





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Forest Festival discontinued

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The Haliburton Forest Festival will be no more, according to organizers.

A release from organizers says the decision to cancel the 13-year-old event was a difficult one and came following a number

of considerations, a major one being the need to reconstruct the Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

"The most compelling is that the Forest Festival needs a stunning facility like Bone Lake to continue, meaning that its future via-

bility without such a facility is very limited," the release reads. "Unfortunately, rebuilding Bone Lake will require great expense and effort, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Haliburton Forest itself is constantly changing. The operations team is increasingly passionate about outdoor adventure events: they have taken over one major trail race, started others, and have more in the pipeline. As a result, Haliburton Forest is unable to prioritize the costly rehabilitation of Bone Lake going forward."

The release also indicates that ticket sales for the festival, traditionally held in mid-August each summer, have declined in recent years.

"Big events are costly to organize and great talent is costly to book so undersold shows have an impact on the bottom line," the release reads. "To some extent, one can view the reduced attendance in a positive light, because it is due to an abundance of alternative events that have blossomed in central Ontario."

Acts at the Forest Festival over the years have included Jim Cuddy, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Sarah Harmer, Dan Hill, Lighthouse and a host of other talent.

The Forest will continue to host concerts at its Logging Museum, the release indicates.

"Finally, Haliburton Forest and Forest Festival management would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers, production crew, local media partners, businesses, and loyal fans who have so wholeheartedly supported the festival over the years," it reads.

The festival was previously cancelled during the summer of 2016.

Not working? Workforce group wants to know why

The Centre for Workforce Development is looking for input from those who have withdrawn from the workforce to find the reasons behind those decisions and to find ways to assist those who want to return to work.

It could be that you're caregiving for a family member, you've been injured, have retired or just given up. No matter the reason, the project's organizers would like to hear from you.

"We encourage anyone who has withdrawn from the workforce to contact us and share their story of why they are not working. We are gathering information right now through an online survey or personal conversations, both of which are confidential. Your voice can help us develop strategies to better assist people wishing to return to the workforce," Matt Caruana, project co-ordinator for the Centre for Workforce Development, said in a press release.

Labour participation in eastern Ontario has declined over the last decade even though the population has increased. Employers have had difficulty filling vacancies.

The Centre for Workforce Development is trying to find out the cause of the issue through an online survey, personal interviews and focus groups.

To share your story, contact Caruana at 613-969-0720 or matt@cfwd.ca.

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High lead levels at some local schools, report indicates

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Some schools in Haliburton County have had lead levels in their water that exceed federal regulations, but yet are still compliant with provincial ones, since the two levels of government have different thresholds for what is considered an acceptable

An investigative story by Global News in concert with other media found a number of schools and daycares that had water with lead levels in excess of the Health Canada threshold, which is five parts per billion (ppb). However, most of those facilities were compliant with the provincial threshold, which is 10 ppb. Also, a disclaimer in

the story notes that the data contained in the story was obtained between April 2016 and March 2018, and may no longer reflect lead levels at the facilities.

In Haliburton County, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was on the list, with levels exceeding the federal regulation by 40.9 per cent. Cardiff Elementary School had levels exceeded the federal threshold by 37.5 per cent, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School by 8.3 per cent, and the Haliburton Highlands Adult Education and Teaching Centre by 25 per cent.

Catherine Shedden, district manager of corporate communications for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board pointed out the figures contained in the report were from last year, and that the board is currently in the process of water testing for this year.

"A total of 74 samples have been obtained

over the past three years in Haliburton schools," Shedden wrote in an email to the paper. "Six of the 74 samples have failed a standing or flushing sample (three per cent).

"Under the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard, Objectives and Guidelines the Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) for lead in a water supply is 10 micrograms per litre (ug/L). Designated fixtures included fountains, hydration stations and sinks where children could obtain a drink and supplies that are used for cooking or food/ drink preparation."

Shedden explained the board's watertesting procedure.

"Two samples are taken from each location with the first sample prior to building flushing (called a 'standing' sample) and the second after the building flushing,"

she wrote. "The recommendation from the Government of Ontario for instances where there is an exceedance of lead in a 'standing' sample is to flush the school plumbing

Where there are issues with the safety of drinking water, the school board works with the health unit to address them.

"Whenever results from water tests exceed the threshold for safe drinking water at a school, the TLDSB Facilities Services department work with the local health unit to determine the best corrective action," Shedden wrote. "This could include, but is not limited to, taking the drinking water fixture out of service (which happens as soon as there is an exceedance), increase flushing, further resampling, replacement of a fixture."



Algonquin Highlands firefighters responded to a fire at The Pines of Boshkung resort on the afternoon of Nov. 7. A family home on the property was burned, with the occupants losing their posessions and a pet. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Boshkung fire claims pet and possessions

A local family has lost their possessions due to smoke damage and their dog after a fire at their home at The Pines of Boshkung resort on the afternoon of Nov. 7.

Algonquin Highlands firefighters, with assistance from the Minden Hills department responded to the call, which began in the basement of the home, making its way up the wall and ceiling. Eighteen firefighters with eight trucks attended, extinguishing the

Damage from the fire is estimated at \$180,000. The family's possessions were affected by smoke damage and a dog perished.

A GoFundMe campaign has been estab-

Algonquin Highlands Fire Services has determined the cause of the fire was improperly disposed ashes from the home's fireplace.

"Ashes should always be placed in a metal bucket or can and removed from the building as soon as removed from the stove," reads a press release. "Ashes should be placed well away from any building or structure until they can be disposed of properly as they will hold heat/coals for many days. Please ensure that your homes and cottages have working, up to date smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on all floors, and outside of all sleeping areas."

The Godfather of Fitness

HE HERO OF the main character in the book I just finished was Jack LaLanne. I hadn't heard that name for years but when it showed up on up the page, memories of a man with big shoulders and small waist wearing a jumpsuit flooded in. I actually thought he was a weirdo way back then. I'm sure I wasn't alone. In hindsight, I can see he was way beyond his time.

He is now known as the Godfather of Fitness. Not the father, but the Godfather, of Fitness. He opened the first fitness centre in 1936. It was a place for women and athletes to work out. In an interview LaLanne said "The doctors were against me and that working out with weights would give people heart attacks, and

lose their sex drive. Women would look like men and coaches banned their athletes from using weights predicting that they would get muscle-bound." Isn't that incredible?! It amazes me that he persevered. He had so many firsts, such as:

- Invented the first leg extension machine
- Conceived the design for the squat machine
- Had the first exercise show on TV
- First to have athletes working out with weights
- First to have women working out with weights (thank you Jack!)
- First to have the elderly working out with

- First to combine exercise and nutrition
- First to sell vitamins and exercise equipment on TV

Somehow Jack LaLanne could see into the future and see that we would need to be reminded/encouraged to move our bodies. His mission was to help people to help them-

selves and to teach that exercise and nutrition go hand in hand. He believed that through simple goals, challenges and a healthy lifestyle you can live longer. He was a weak and sick kid. At 15 he figured out that junk food was causing his illness. I'm not of his life walking the talk. He



mation we could possibly need to stay fit and healthy. "Virtually everything we do in life is a

matter of habit. Habits make us who we are. Why not change your habits to better your life?" - Jack LaLanne

Something to think about.

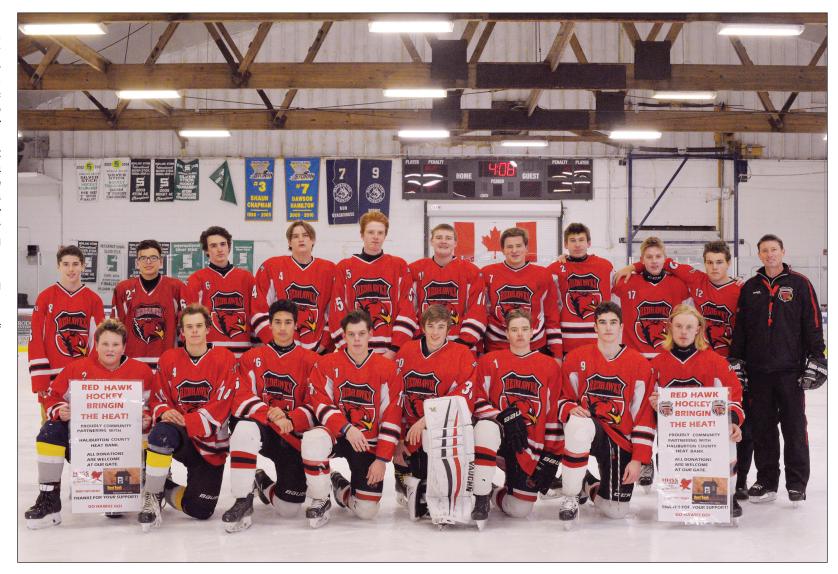
Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.





Hawks help Heat Bank

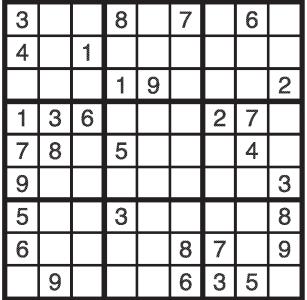
The Red Hawks boys' hockey team is inviting the public and fans alike to their home opener hosting Crestwood on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Like last year, the team is going to fundraise for the Haliburton County Heat Bank by collecting donations at the door, a "chuck-a-puck," and raffle, including available door prizes. Puck drops at 1:15 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Answers on page 21



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Community **Events**

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No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic

When: Wednesday, Nov. 13

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.

Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Introduction to Group Hypnotherapy

When: Thursday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Minden

At this free workshop, participants will learn about the power of the unconscious mind and how hypnotherapy works to resolve a number of mental, emotional and physical issues. Participants will also have an experience of a group hypnotherapy session focused on stress relief and overall wellness. Space is limited so registration is required. Go to www.suebowe.com/hypnotherapy to register.

Fashion Fallies

When: Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

Where: Haliburton School of Art + Design

Wearable art fashion event. Master of ceremonies: Brigitte Gall. Runway show of artrageous fashions. Live entertainment. Refreshments. Door prizes.

Tickets: \$25 available at The Arts Council, Fleming College,

Canoe FM, Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Online tickets: fashionfallies2019.bpt.me. (VIP tickets: \$50, available only at Fleming College)

Hyland Crest (Minden) Christmas Bazaar

When: Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16

10 a.m to 3 p.m.

Where: 6 McPherson Street Minden - Hyland Crest Main

Plenty of homemade christmas baked goods, crafts, ornaments, stocking stuffers, silent auction, knitted items

Proceeds go to Long Term Care Residents Council Donations of hand crafted, gently used re-gifts and silent auction items welcome and appreciated!

Contact Alisha Lafleur 705-457-1392 ext 3238 or email alafleur@hhhs.ca

Ladies Auxiliary's Craft Sale

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall

30 vendors, soup, sandwiches, sweets, tea/coffee

St. Anthony of Padua Annual

Christmas Bazaar

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: St. Anthony of Padua Church, Victoria St. Haliburton Luncheon of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage for \$6. Bake table, craft table, silent auction. Free admission.

Highlands' Chamber Orchestra: Highlands' **Greatest Hits**

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. Where: The Northern Lights Pavilion Haliburton

Musical Director: Daniel Manley

Tickets: \$20 regular ticket, or \$25 for a child under 16, accompanied by an adult.

Available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden, or to reserve, call 705-286-0413.

Pet Pictures with Santa

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 1 to 3 p.m.

Where: Minden Animal Hospital, 4 Booth St Minden All proceeds to Fuel for Warmth, \$10/picture including emailed version

Jack and the Beanstalk by Maritime **Marionettes (NS)**

When: Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m.

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion,

Enchanting puppet play for all ages. Presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! For more info and tickets visit www.razzamataz.ca/shows/ or contact Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-854-0728

Snowball celebrates 30 years

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross burgesslt@me.com

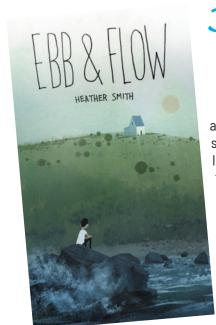
The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival turns 30 this February and the Snowball committee is looking for volunteers! There are many opportunities available both inside and out. If you could spare at least one hour of your time on Saturday, Feb. 15, please email Sandra at srogers@algonquinhighlands.ca. Without the help of volunteers events like this wouldn't be possible.

Ladies Weights Toning Class Light weights for ladies in a fun and friendly class on Tuesday evenings with Joanne MacLeod from 5 to 6 p.m.. Ladies of all ages and abilities are welcome! Cost is \$5 per person per class. Come out and try it! Contact Joanne at jomac6058@gmail.com or 705-766-1546 or the Rec Centre for more information. Fee to instructor.

Come play pickleball in Dorset! A fun drop in for a pick-up game, free to members or \$2.60 youth/senior, \$5.20 adults per person, equipment provided or bring your own.

Contact: 705-766-9968, recreation@algonquinhighlands.

Happy birthday to Valerie Inch and Ryan Kiely. For birthdays and submissions please submit them to burgesslt@



Jr. Book of the Month -November

Ebb & Flow by Heather T. Smith

Written in artfully crafted free-verse vignettes, Heather Smith uses a deceptively simple style to tell the powerful and emotionally charged story of Jett, an eleven-year-old boy who's had a "rotten bad year." Jett is looking for a new beginning. Last year, after befriending a boy with a difficult home life, he found himself in a cycle of bad decisions that culminated in an awful betrayal - and a shameful secret he still hasn't forgiven himself for. Jett's guilty secret keeps the pages turning and will appeal to both reluctant and avid readers alike. This captivating book offers a terrific look at the many different ways to tell a story, and how a small number of carefully chosen words can have a huge impact.

Ebb & Flow is one of this years Silverbirch nominees, and it is available for reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

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SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

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Please be sure to keep the snow back away from the roadway when clearing your driveway, entrance and mail box. This is to avoid creating a hazard for the travelling

Cooperation in these matters is appreciated to ensure the safety of others and efficient winter maintenance of County and Municipal Roads.

Detachment Commander SSgt Liane Spong-Hooyenga Haliburton Highlands O.P.P.

Director of Public Works Craig Douglas County of Haliburton

Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Nov. 4 **High Average (cumulative)**

Women – Cathy Snell – 221

Men – Rick West – 230 This Week's Highs - Women

High Single - Cathy Snell - 231 High Single Hcp – Ren Higgins – 248

High Triple – Chris Cote – 612

High Triple Hcp – Chris Cote – 726

This Weeks Highs - Men

High Single – Rick West – 258 High Single Hcp – Gary Hunt – 268

High Triple – Rick West – 669

High Triple Hcp - Marty Schuster - 704

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Nov. 5

High Average Ken Thompson 191 High Single Brian Haslam 308 High Single H/C Brian Haslam 349 High Triple Brian Haslam 631 High Triple H/C Brian Haslam 745

Women

High Average Chris Cote 183 High Single Chris Cote 276 High Single H/C Chris Cote 312 High Triple Chris Cote 640 High Triple H/C Chris Cote 748

Red Wolves Bowling scores

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Pursuant to Section 7(6) of the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992, The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be holding a **Public Meeting on December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, to consider fee changes to the Building Fees. Information will be provided at the meeting on the estimated costs of enforcing and administering the Building Code Act, the amount of the proposed fee(s) and the rationale for changing and/or imposing

ANY PERSON may attend the meeting, and/or submit in writing, in support of or objection to the proposed fees and setting the reasons of the objection.

Additional information relating to proposed fee changes is available by contacting David Rogers, CBO during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at 705-489-2379 or emailing drogers@algonguinhighlands.ca

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 13th day of November, 2019.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, Ontario K0M 1J1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: DeLyzer Lot 28. Concession 5, Maple Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of the original allowance for road between Concessions 4 and 5 and part of the original allowance for road between Concessions 4 and 5 in front of Lot 28, Maple Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of the original allowance for road between Concessions 4 and 5 and part of the original allowance for road between Concessions 4 and 5 in front of Lot 28, Maple Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate. Iving and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY:

SECONDLY:

THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as

Plan 19R-10219.

THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of the original allowance for road between Concessions 4 and 5, described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan

THIRDLY:

THAT part of the original allowance for road between Concessions 4 and 5 in front of Lot 28, described as Part 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10219.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 21st day of November, 2019 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council

November 13th, 2019

Sean O'Callaghan

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Township of Algonquin Highlands **Stanhope Municipal Airport Events Committee**

If you have an interest in aviation and enjoy planning events, the newly established Stanhope Municipal Airport Events Committee is the Committee for you!

As a member of the Airport Events Committee you will assist with planning, promoting and hosting a variety of exciting events throughout the year being held at the Stanhope Municipal Airport. These events will be tailored towards community and aviation involvement.

If you are interested in participating as a member on the Airport Events Committee, please submit an expression of interest outlining your experience to Dawn Newhook via email at

dnewhook@algonguinhighlands.ca

or via mail to

Township of Algonquin Highlands ATTN: Dawn Newhook, Clerk 1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 by November 29, 2019.

Further information on the Stanhope Municipal Airport Events Committee can be found on the Township's website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or by contacting Adam Thorn, Operations Manager at athorn@algonquinhighlands.ca

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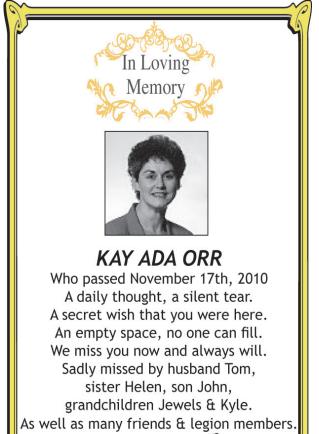
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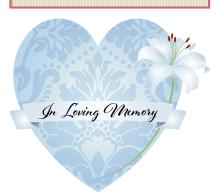
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Community **Christmas** weekend planned for Minden

Minden's Business Improvement Area (BIA) is planning an entire weekend of Christmas activities to kick off the holiday season in the village.

By combining several seasonal events during the first weekend in December, the BIA is going to promote a Hometown Christmas Celebration that will include the annual Santa Claus Parade, decoration of the downtown core, a Moonlight Madness Sale and a community treetrimming of the tree in front of the CIBC on Main Street

The weekend festivities will begin on Friday, Nov. 30 with the Moonlight Madness Sale being planned by Brian Moore of Westside Jug City. All members of the business community, and not just BIA members, are being encouraged to participate in the promotion which will be geared towards local residents as opposed to tourists.

On Saturday the Minden Lions Club will be holding the second annual Santa Claus Parade. At last Monday's meeting, Moore, representing the Lions, told BIA members that plans for this year's parade are well under way.

Moore said the club is having trouble finding a band to participate in the parade. He said the high school band had been contacted but were not interested in taking

The Lions have increased the parade budget this year by \$1,200 and hope to use the extra money to hire a band. The BIA agreed to donate \$700 to the parade and will offer an additional \$300 if the Lions are successful in hiring a band for

The idea of holding a community tree decoration on Sunday Dec. 2 was presented to BIA members by Carol Martin of the Minden Kinettes. She said the Kinettes

Council approves sale of parkland for supportive housing

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Minden council has agreed to sell three acres of parkland for construction of a senior supportive housing unit.

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At last Thursday's meeting, council accepted a conditional offer to purchase from the Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

The township has agreed to sell the land for \$50,000, a price Deputy-Reeve Bern Berry objected to as being too low. Berry also objected to council making

a decision on the issue last Thursday because councillor Bob Sisson was absent from the meeting.

"It's quite a major move," said Berry. "We're one man short and that man has reservations about the sale." In previous meetings Sisson had expressed concerns about the township selling property that is part of the park.

The deadline for the offer to purchase to be accepted was Nov. 30 and Berry asked that the vote be held over until the Nov. 22 council meeting to allow Sisson to comment on the decision.

But councillor Lewis Stevens said there was no reason to delay the matter. "What if one of us isn't here on the 22nd?" he asked.

Berry said the by-law needed to sign the offer to purchase was not on the

council's agenda and it was "pretty unusual" to have the matter added at the last minute

Reeve Ray Moore said the matter had been before council on two previous occasions and the councillors had sent the offer back to the Staanworth committee asking for the township's conditions to be met.

(more on page 2)



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